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In re application of

Valentino MERCATI

Confirmation No.

Application No. 10/564,700

Group Art Unit:

Filed: January 9, 2006

Examiner Unknown

Title: PROCESS FOR OBTAINING TOBACCO LEAVES WITH A

STANDARDIZED NICOTINE CONTENT AND/OR IMPROVED

COMBUSTIBILITY

SMALL ENTITY CLAIM AND REQUEST FOR REFUND

Mail Stop 16 Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27

and requests that 1/2 of the original filing fee, namely \$590.00 be credited to Deposit Account

No. 25-0120 as this claim is filed within the three-month term.

Respectfully submitted,

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